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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

GAP ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND GAP ADJUSTMENT METHOD

FOR ADJUSTING GAP BETWEEN TWO OBJECTS

By (Inventors):

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43 pages of Specification/Claims 1-24/Abstract are attached.

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-6B; 6 sheets) are attached.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.

An assignment of the invention to Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.

Priority of foreign applications Nos. 2000-360502 and 2000-312624 filed November 28, 2000 and October 10, 2001, respectively, in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

 $\boxtimes$ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	
BASIC FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS	24 - 20	= 4	
INDEP CLAIMS	11 - 3	= 8	
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			

SMALL ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>
	\$ 370	<u>OR</u>
x 9 =		<u>OR</u>
x 42 =		<u>OR</u>
+140 =		<u>OR</u>
TOTAL		<u>OR</u>

LARGE ENTITY		
RATE	FEE	
	\$ 740	
x 18	\$ 72	
x 84	\$ 672	
+280		
TOTAL	\$ 1484	

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Check No. 329967 in the amount of \$1,524.00 (\$1,484.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the  $\boxtimes$ Assignment Recordation Fee) is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully/submitted,

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